

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kazutaka KOCHI et al.

Serial No. 09/772,919

Group Art Unit: 2143

Confirmation No. 9988

Filed: January 31, 2001

Examiner: BOUTAH, ALINA A

For: SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A PLURALITY OF APPARATUSES BASED ON  
ACCUMULATED OPERATING TIMES THEREOF TO EQUILIZE THE RESPECTIVE  
OPERATING TIMES OF THE APPARATUSES (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 3, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 3, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 5, 2007, since February 3, 2007 was a Saturday.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.